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1. A branch of the Polish Red Cross has been officially organized in Argentina with Eduardo V. Szelagowski, an Argentine of Polish descent, as president, and a seven-man advisory committee composed of the following individuals:

Dr. Victor Rivarola, Argentine;

Alberto Reyna Almandas, Argentine;

Dr. Victor Rodriguez, Argentine;

Julius Nowinski, Pole, President of the Polish Bank in Buenos Aires;

Francisco Maffei, Argentine, former Charge d'Affaires in Warsaw;

Kazimerz Arciszewski, Pole;

Czeslaw Slowakiewicz, Pole, Second Secretary of the Polish Legation.

The advisory committee was chosen at a meeting held on 9 October at which the Polish Minister Stefan Szumowski was present.

2. This branch is a legitimate organization which, as yet, does not appear to be engaged in any subversive activities. Szelagowski, who is anti-Communist, conducts liaison between the Polish group and the Argentine Red Cross. Arciszewski is a well-known Polish Communist who is president of the Central Committee of Aid to Poland.

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